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LETTER TO CONGRESS ON U. S. PARTICIPATION IN THE UN IN 1974

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1. AFTER A PARA SETTING FORTH SOME OF POSITIVE ACCOMPLISH-
MENTS OF UN, THERE APPEARS THE FOLLOWING PARA : "NEVERTHE-
LESS, SOME OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN
1974 THREATEN TO DISTORT THIS POSITIVE THRUST AND MAKE
COOPERATION WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION MORE DIFFICULT. THERE
WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, A CLASH OF INTERESTS BETWEEN THE
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. THIS WAS
PARTICULARLY EVIDENT IN THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHEN THE MAJORITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
INSISTED ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR A NEW
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER' DESPITE THE SERIOUS
RESERVATIONS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ABOUT ITS
ACCEPTABILITY AND EVEN ITS WORKABILITY. OTHER DIVISIVE
ACTIONS INCLUDED THE INVITATION BY THE 29TH GENERAL
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ASSEMBLY TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO

PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER IN THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION,
THE DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT ACCORDED ISRAEL BY UNESCO AND
THE IMPROPER SUSPENSION OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM PARTICIPATION
IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HOWEVER, BY THE END OF THE YEAR

THERE WERE SIGNS OF A GROWING AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS
FROM CONFRONTATION AND OF A WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE THE
POSSIBILITIES OF CONCILIATION AND COMPROMISE."

2. AIRPOUCHING FULL TEXT OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER, BUT
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